

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

IAC Conference Room
150 W. Market Street, Suite 618
Indianapolis, Indiana
December 3, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

Dick Stifel, Chair

Minutes

Members present: none

Members via teleconference: Dick Stifel, Jeanne Mirro, Karen Ellerbrook

Members absent: Sandi Clark

IAC staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin

1. **Approval of September 15 minutes and Consent Agenda.** Mr. Stifel convened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

2. **Financials.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the year-to-date IAC budget through October 31, 2008. IAC is currently 6% under budget and on-track to continue under-budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. He praised IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson for her diligent work on the budget. Ms. Mirro also offered thanks to Ms. Anderson.

3. **2009-2010 Budget/Office of Budget Management/State Proposed Strategies to Maintain a Balanced Budget.** Mr. Ricci reported on recent developments from the state Office of Budget Management which will affect the FY2010 budget for all state agencies. The current 7% holdback required of all agencies will meet only about one-third of the expected revenue shortfall at the state level. The budget office has asked all agencies to project how and where further holdbacks amounting to 4% and 7% could be accomplished (copy of memo attached). IAC responded with a memo (attached) addressing the four points of emphasis put forth by the budget office. Mr. Ricci reported on an upcoming December 9th meeting with the Governor's budget committee, which will be attended by Mr. Ricci and IAC chair Dick Stifel. The primary concern of IAC is that future budget cuts come from administrative costs rather than individual granting programs.

4. **Legislative/Advocacy – Governor's Office.** Mr. Ricci reported that the list of prospective commissioners which had previously been submitted by IAC to the Governor's office, has run its course of viability, and that it is now time to submit a new list of potential appointees. Mr. Stifel will issue a call for nominees at the December 12 meeting of the full commission.

5. **Policy Revision and Regional Partner Issues.** Mr. Ricci reported on recent activity involving the Regional Arts Partners. A new funding formula is now in effect for the RAPs, and changes to the RAP policy manual are being considered. Mr. Ricci stressed his desire to be able to demonstrate that all state monies are being distributed to the RAPs in a fair and equitable fashion.

6. **Strategic Plan Preliminaries.** Mr. Ricci reported that retiring IAC commissioner Ron Stratten has volunteered his services as facilitator over the coming months as IAC strives to produce a new strategic plan. Mr. Ricci asked for the vote of the executive committee to approve Mr. Stratten's appointment as facilitator. However, due to Ms. Clark's absence at this meeting, he suggested that tentative approval be given until such time as Ms. Clark's approval can be gained as well. This suggestion was approved by voice and the matter will be brought before the full commission on December 12th.

7. **Legislative Session Update and Commission Involvement.** Mr. Ricci reported that he will be meeting with arts advocate Joe Loftus on December 11, and asked if a commissioner could attend the meeting as well. Mr. Ricci also reported that state senator Vi Simpson will introduce new Cultural Districts legislation during the next session, despite information from the Governor's office that he will not approve any legislation which puts new demands on tax dollars. The details of the proposed legislation are not yet known.

8. **Other Issues.** Mr. Stifel asked about the progress of the Abraham Lincoln Public Art project. Mr. Ricci explained that the project is on track for completion next spring. The dedication date is set for June 12 in Lincoln State Park, and IAC is planning its June quarterly business meeting to coincide with the dedication.

9. **Adjourn.** Ms. Mirro moved for adjournment. Ms. Ellerbrook seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.